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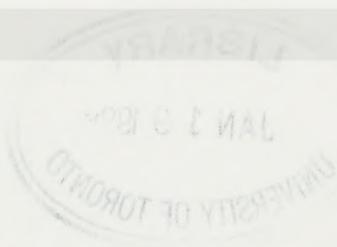
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LA CLOCHE PROVINCIAL PARK
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

I LAND TENURE

The designation of La Cloche as a provincial park was approved the 9th day of August, 1985. It contains 7448 ha of land and water on the north shore of Lake Huron (Figure 1).

There are several private properties within the boundary of La Cloche Provincial Park:

- 5 cottage lots, and
- 5 mining properties.

There are no land use permits within the park.

Guidelines:

All patented land will continue. No additional Crown land will be sold within the park. Should the mining lease revert to the Crown, these lands would come under park regulation.

II EXISTING/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The park is 20 km south of Highway 17 on the North Channel of Lake Huron. There are no park facilities. There is an existing MNR Junior Ranger Camp with electrical power provided from powerlines entering the park on the west side. There is a site where boats are launched in the lower La Cloche Creek. Two small dams exist on La Cloche Creek.

Guidelines:

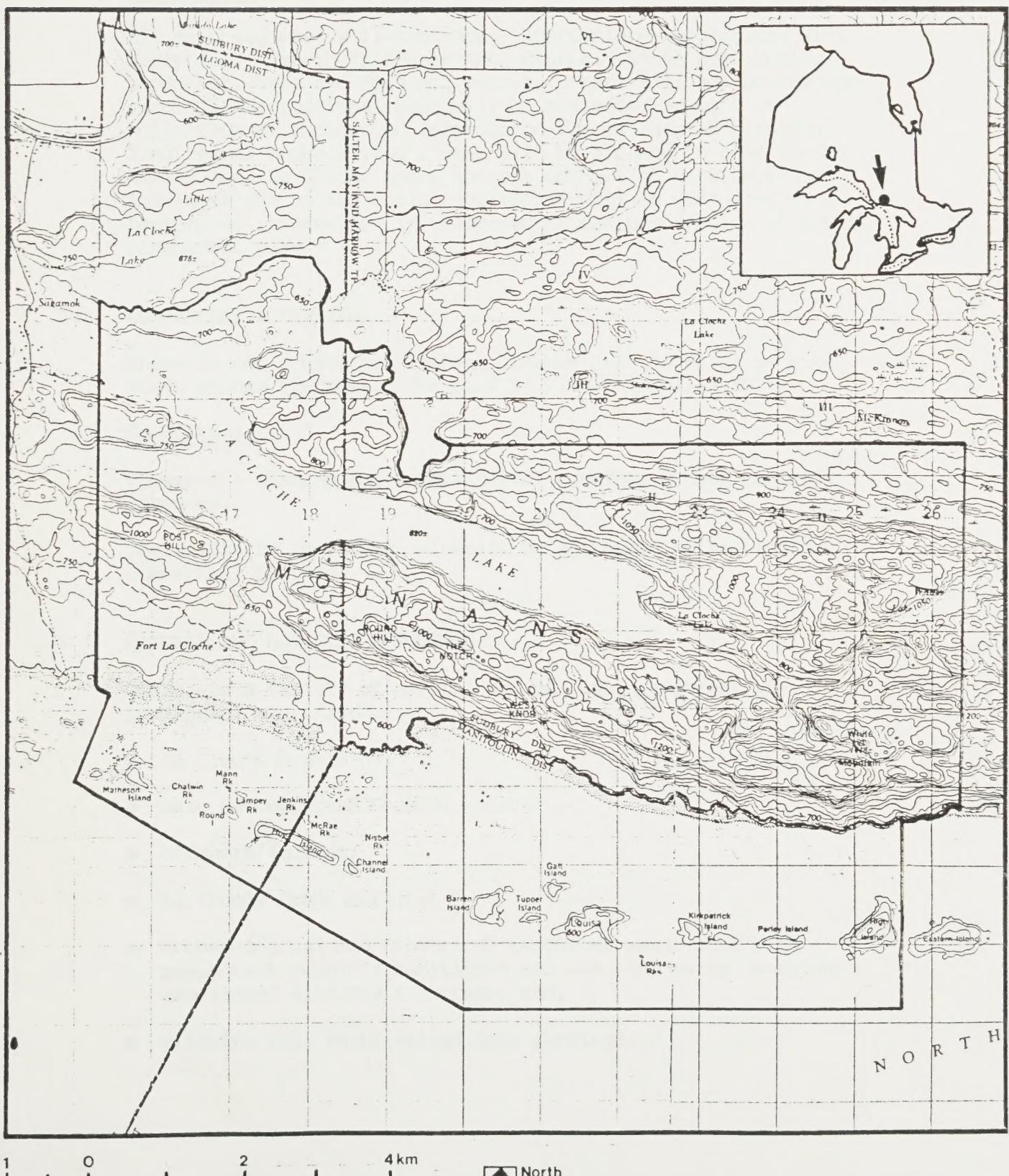
The existing development will be maintained.

The original road will be maintained to provide access to the J.R. Camp. Provincial park road needs will be evaluated through site planning as part of park management planning. The function of the lodge location, which is currently being used as a Junior Ranger Camp, will be evaluated during park management planning to determine potential park uses. Boat launching needs for Lake Huron will be evaluated during management planning.

The existing grass lawn and lilac shrubs in the area of the J.R. Camp, between the main building and La Cloche Creek, are of cultural resource value. A maintenance plan will be prepared to establish areas within the lawn for the lilacs to grow as flowering shrubs.

Figure 1

LA CLOCHE
PROVINCIAL PARK



III RECREATION ACTIVITIES

A variety of recreation uses occur in the park. These activities include: boating, canoeing, sportfishing, hunting, backcountry camping, hiking, day use, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and wildlife viewing.

Guidelines:

All existing uses will continue. Appropriate regulations will apply (eg. Provincial Parks Act, Historic Sites Act, Public Lands Act, Game and Fish Act, etc.). There will not be any car camping. Recreational uses will be evaluated as part of collection of background information for management planning. Traditional snowmobiling routes will be allowed to continue on Lake Huron, La Cloche Lake, and the connecting corridors. Levels of use of recreation activities will be evaluated as background information is collected in the preparation of a park management plan.

IV COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

There is one commercial fishing licence for the water on Lake Huron within the park. The park is within Trapline EP27.

Guidelines:

Commercial fishing and trapping will continue as per existing licences.

There will be no timber, mineral, or aggregate extraction for commercial purposes.

V NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

There are a variety of natural and cultural resources of provincial significance:

- La Cloche Mountains;
- Lake Huron, North Channel waters;
- offshore islands;
- La Cloche Creek outlet;
- archaeological and historical resources associated with precontact people's habitation and use, and early Canadians associated with the fur trade; and,
- wildlife (eg. White-tailed deer yarding).

Guidelines:

The awareness about these values will be increased through research to identify the features on the property that can portray aspects of these natural and cultural resources. New development or Alterations to existing developments will not proceed until these resources are more fully evaluated. Archaeological and historic features will not be removed or altered (eg. old foundations).

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will maintain communications with the Regional Archaeologist of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture over the management of the archaeological and historical resources.

There are lilac shrubs growing in the lawn between the J. R. Camp and La Cloche Creek. These plants are the descendants of shrubs that were given to a fur trade factor by the Crown of England in the 1700's. They will be protected and grounds maintenance practices will enhance the growth of these plants. Areas will be set aside within the lawn where lilacs will not be cut. They will be maintained as full flowering shrubs reestablishing their Regal role as in the factor's yard of the 1700's.

VI **VISITOR SERVICES**

Information is provided to the public through a provincial park fact sheet.

Guidelines:

The existing fact sheet will continue to be available in the Espanola District Office, the Northeastern Region, or the Main Office in Toronto.

VII **RESEARCH**

There is ongoing interest in research of the archaeological and historical resources by the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

Guidelines:

Research of any kind is permitted with the District Manager's approval according to the Provincial Parks Research Policy.

VIII **MARKETING:**

There are no developed facilities and as such La Cloche Provincial Park is not being marketed in the provincial marketing program.

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